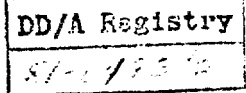




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Mr. Frank DiGeorge
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Dear Mr. DiGeorge:

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 12003, and Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) 101-38.13, we are submitting for your review and concurrence our reply to the enclosed request from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The CIA has requested an exemption from the requirements contained in Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) 101-38.1305 and .1306(b). These sections of the FPMR's limit new vehicle acquisitions to Class II (compact) or smaller sedans and require all passenger automobiles acquired by Federal executive agencies to meet or exceed the 1981 average fuel economy standard of 22 miles per gallon.

We have reviewed their request and, based on the information contained in the letter and in subsequent telephone conversations with CIA staff members, believe that the exemption should be granted. We believe the nature of the vehicle performance requirements (power to handle additional weight of the security system and to provide more rapid acceleration than a diesel engine can deliver) justifies the need for an exemption.

If, after review by the Office of Federal ^{Energy} Management Programs, you concur with our recommendation, please forward the enclosed letter to Mr. Hugel. If, however, you feel the exemption is not appropriate, please return the letter with your reasons.

Sincerely,

ALLAN W. BERES
Commissioner

2 Enclosures

Reviewed and Approved
April 3, 1981

Paul G. Brumby, Director
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